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# A NOTE FROM THE DEAN

Dear fellow graduates,

You may have read about St. Mary's School of Law breaking into the top tier of law schools in both *U.S. News & World Report* (ranked 140) and *The National Jurist* (ranked 58). Although such rankings do not affect the way we run our law school, it is encouraging to have the hard work of our faculty, staff and students recognized. St. Mary's also was listed by Law School Transparency as one of only 46 U.S. law schools deemed "fully transparent" in 19 categories of placement data.

This spring, I traveled with St. Mary's University President Thomas Mengler and Winston Erevelles, Ph.D., Dean of the School of Science, Engineering and Technology, to India, where we are looking to expand our LL.M. program. This year, our LL.M. program almost doubled in size under the direction of law professors Robert Summers and Chenglin Liu. Our plan is to continue expanding these offerings, and we were able to sign agreements with two universities.

The Most Rev. Gustavo García-Siller, M.Sp.S., Archbishop of San Antonio, recently visited St. Mary's to speak to law students and members of the Catholic Lawyers Guild about the profession of law and how it can be a tool of service. He also fielded some thought-provoking questions about the roles of Catholicism and faith in an ever-changing world.

St. Mary's law students got a close look at the Fourth Court of Appeals as the panel, composed of Chief Justice Catherine Stone (J.D. '82) and Justices Karen Angelini (J.D. '79), Marialyn Barnard (J.D. '92), Luz Elena Chapa (J.D. '99), Sandee Bryan Marion (J.D. '80) and Patricia O. Alvarez, heard oral arguments in two cases on campus this spring. This type of mentoring is invaluable to our students, and I thank the justices as well as our alumni across the state who have joined us for student recruitment and mentoring events this semester.

The St. Louis chapter of the Law Alumni Association is the first chapter to endow a chapter scholarship to support students from St. Louis attending St. Mary's School of Law. You can read about the work of another chapter, the Hispanic Law Alumni Association, and its scholarship fundraising efforts in this issue.

Finally, I was glad to reconnect with so many of you at our annual Homecoming CLE and Reunion. During my state of the law school address, you asked about your favorite professors. Before some of the 'old guard' retire — Doug Haddock next month and Aloysius Leopold in 2015 — I wanted to share one last group photo. Enjoy reading *LawNotes*, come back to St. Mary's often, and keep up the good work in your lives and communities.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Cantú,  
Dean and South Texas Distinguished Professor of Law



From left: Dean of the School of Law Charles E. Cantú; The Rev. Benny Thomas, Christ University; St. Mary's President Thomas Mengler; and St. Mary's Dean of the School of Science, Engineering and Technology Winston Erevelles, in India.

On the cover: 2012–2013 St. Mary's law faculty gather in the law school's courtroom for a group photo. See page 9 for more information.



# Law Student Seeks Justice for Juveniles

Inspired by a family tragedy, third-year law student Emily Schools will use her prestigious Equal Justice Works Fellowship to assist an underrepresented population in an underserved part of Texas.

*Equal Justice Works is an organization providing leadership programs to lawyers and law students committed to public service. The Equal Justice Works Fellowship is one of the nation's leading public interest law fellowships.*



Photo by Kemp Davis

When Emily Schools was 13-years-old, her cousin, with whom she was very close, was murdered over an insignificant amount of marijuana. It was an event that profoundly impacted her and shaped her perspective on helping youth.

“Having grown up in a small town, I know the difficulty in finding healthy activities to participate in when options are extremely limited,” said Schools, who earned her bachelor’s degree from Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. These kinds of activities and resources could have put her cousin on a different path.

“I understand the difficulties families experience, especially in the face of extreme tension, hardship and tragedy,” Schools said. Had it not been for outside assistance, her family unit may not have made it through that time.

Schools’ Equal Justice Works Fellowship project, which begins in May after she graduates, will create a juvenile justice division for the Abilene office of Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas (LANWT). Her project’s success could lead to juvenile divisions in all 15 LANWT offices — a population that has received little attention in the past two decades. In fact, Schools will be the only pro bono attorney focused solely on juvenile issues in LANWT’s coverage area of 114 counties.

“My intention is to provide homeless and runaway youth access to justice, help them escape from poverty, and vastly improve the quality of their lives by giving them a much better start as adults,” said Schools.

There are about 100,000 runaway teens

each year statewide, according to the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. If these runaways do not return home shortly after being reported, they become classified as homeless. Homeless youth — especially those who are unaccompanied or separated from their parents — face mental illness, disease, inadequate medical care and malnutrition, as well as danger.

As these teens reach adulthood, employment or college becomes less likely due to their delinquent histories; however, many young people are unaware of laws that allow their records to be sealed or certain items to be expunged.

“There are so many kids out there with absolutely no accessible legal help unless they stumble across a generous lawyer, and that is devastating,” she said.

In addition to providing direct representation to unaccompanied or homeless youth, Schools’s fellowship project will help create awareness about available resources and will help strengthen the existing network of service organizations.

“I’ve been shocked at the lack of support some parents have for their children and surprised at how many youth are asked to leave their homes with nothing but the clothes on their backs,” Schools said. For young people who face life on their own, even the smallest obstacles, like transportation, college application costs and building credit, can be insurmountable.

“I have to focus on what I can do,” she added. “I can use my passion for the law to help these youth and make a difference.” ■





# Urban Living, Redesigned

Photo by Bill Sallans



# Law grad wants people back in the heart of the city

**Terry Mitchell (J.D. '83) doesn't want to talk about the woeful realities of modern city living, like stark landscapes and excessive traffic snarls.**

He would rather talk about his vision of what cities can be — communities with people who are mindful of their environment and their neighbors, with short commutes and all the perks an urban habitat can offer. To Mitchell, it's not a tall tale; it's his life's work.

Mitchell is not your everyday real estate developer. He set out to be an architect, but instead became a banker and a lawyer. He earned business degrees from the University of Texas and St. Edward's University before completing his law degree at the St. Mary's University School of Law. He sees himself as a "student of architecture" drawn to beautiful and efficient design, but he credits his banking, real estate and law backgrounds for his success.

"I use my law school training every day, assessing risk, evaluating what is and what is not possible, and drafting contracts," said Mitchell. "Most of all, I am a great researcher, thanks to law school. I'll look at 60 projects to see what people value in order to create a new community."

In 2003, Mitchell started Momark

Development and began living his dream of revitalizing Austin and central Texas, one neighborhood at a time. He is passionate about neighborhoods with a broad range of housing options (from large family homes to smaller spaces for young singles or empty-nesters) and about how a well-functioning sense of community affects quality of life. Mitchell believes that a neighborhood is not simply a conglomeration of houses with a common clubhouse, but a series of gathering places that enable human interaction among neighbors.

**"We need to move the workforce closer to their jobs"**

"How do we make it feel like home for each demographic?" Mitchell asked. "We listen to what they value, whether it is time outdoors walking their dog or hip restaurants nearby, and we cater to those values."

He also theorizes that by making urban home ownership affordable, he can place people back in the heart of the city, which will revitalize the city, improve quality of living and — a boon to everyone — reduce traffic.

"Creating huge housing developments on the outskirts of cities naturally causes terrible traffic problems. We need to move the workforce closer to their jobs," he said.

Many of Mitchell's projects concentrate on just that — moving the workforce back into the city. This includes building what he calls "vertical communities" with common green space and lower prices than what is generally offered in cities. Austin, which Mitchell calls home, is known for its high housing costs.

"We just completed a high-rise condo that appeals to empty-nesters as well as younger urban folks who want the emotional connection of a real community," Mitchell said. "I take the potential buyers to the top floor with a 25-mile view. Their jaws drop."

They can see 75 percent of the Austin metro area; they find it fascinating and know it is a special place to call home."

The awe-inspiring view is nice, but it is just one of the unique draws to a project. Mitchell carefully researches and considers specific needs of each location and the groups he is serving. He judiciously plans everything from the flow of the neighborhood to unique features like a common backyard on one floor and a gym on another. He wisely uses the environment to provide more green space.

"Neighborhoods should be filled with a variety and range of homes filling different needs," Mitchell said. "We are, as an industry, rediscovering that." ■





# CAMPUS BRIEFS



## St. Mary's Law Journal Ranks No. 22

Washington and Lee University School of Law has again ranked the *St. Mary's Law Journal* among the best in the nation in terms of citations by state and federal courts. The *St. Mary's Law Journal* ranked No. 22 among 667 law reviews published in the United States. The *Law Journal* was cited 75 times by American courts between 2005 and 2012.

It was also cited 417 times in scholarly and professional articles during the survey period, placing the *St. Mary's Law Journal* in the top 30 percent of the 970 American publications in that category. Washington and Lee's Law Journal Rankings Project provides scholars with a resource for locating law journals by different criteria, to display journal editorial information, and to facilitate article submission to those journals.

## Johnson Edits New Journal

St. Mary's Professor of Law Vincent R. Johnson has been appointed deputy editor-in-chief of the new *Chinese Journal of Comparative Law* published by Oxford University Press. His article "The Rule of Law in China and the Prosecution of Li Zhuang" appeared in the inaugural issue.

In March, Johnson taught a two-week course in Beijing at Beihang University law school on "Free Speech and Civil Liability for Defamation under U.S. Law." He also spoke at the China University of Political Science and Law on "The Role of Legislation in American Tort Litigation," and at Renmin University on "The Crisis in the American Legal Profession and its Likely Impact on Lawyer Regulation."

## Law Student Wins Marianist Heritage Award

Anietie Akpan, pictured center, a third-year law student, was awarded a St. Mary's University 2013 Marianist Heritage Student Award. Along with her legal studies, Akpan is a research assistant for Sister Grace Walle, F.M.I., D.Min., pictured left, the law school's campus minister.

Walle nominated Akpan for the award in recognition of her academic success as well as demonstrated excellence in "lay leadership, building community and service for the common good." Akpan is active in the Women's Law Association, Black Allied Law Student Association and the St. Thomas More Society. She serves on the editorial board of *The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Race and Social Justice* as executive editor. She is also involved with University Ministry and played an integral role planning the 60th Annual Red Mass, including writing an article published in *Today's Catholic*. Also pictured is Dean Charles E. Cantú, right.

## St. Mary's Dominates at National Negotiation Competition

Two teams from St. Mary's University School of Law topped the field at the Robert R. Merhige Jr. National Environmental Negotiation Competition at the University of Richmond Law School in Virginia. In the all-St. Mary's final, students Andrew Jones and David Kilgore edged out the team of J. Dean Craig and Mary Pietrazek to win the national championship.

The University of Richmond Client Counseling and Negotiation Board hosted the competition in honor of late United States District Court Judge Robert R. Merhige Jr. St. Mary's teams were coached by Allen Craddock (J.D.'97), who is an Adjunct Professor and partner at Rodriguez and Craddock PC.



St. Mary's third-year law students Elizabeth Germano, pictured left, and Elizabeth Gutierrez, pictured right, were both honored this year with the Chief Justice Alma L. Lopez Woman in Law Award. Pictured here with Chief Justice (ret.) Lopez, center.

## Rosas Honored by Alumni Association

Roberto Rosas, Instructor of Law, was Honored with the St. Mary's Alumni Association 2013 Distinguished Faculty Award.

Dean Charles E. Cantú nominated Rosas for his commitment to Marianist traditions in legal education. Rosas teaches courses in Comparative Law and Doing Business with Mexico. He is also a tenured Professor of Law at the University of Guadalajara, Mexico. Rosas serves as an expert witness in international law cases and works with many international organizations. Most recently he joined academics, union leaders and government officials from 20 countries as a speaker at the First World Congress of Labor Law and Social Security in Chihuahua, Mexico.





The portrait of Joseph Casseb (J.D. '77), past Law Alumni Association president and a partner in Goode Casseb Jones Riklin Choate & Watson P.C., was unveiled at the Dean's Homecoming Reception after the conclusion of the CLE program. Casseb's portrait will join the Wall of Honor in the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library's Alumni Room along with 2012 Distinguished Graduate the Hon. Larry Noll (J.D. '72), whose portrait was unveiled in February.



The Center for Terrorism Law celebrated its 10th year as a nationally known terrorism and antiterrorism research unit with an anniversary dinner featuring Gov. Rick Perry and U.S. Navy SEAL (ret.) Marcus Luttrell, author of *Lone Survivor*. The center studies legal issues associated with antiterrorism and counterterrorism.

## Best Advocate at Super Regional

St. Mary's School of Law students were recognized for excellence at the 2013 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition United States Super Regional, the world's largest moot court competition with participants from more than 550 law schools in more than 80 countries.

Third-year law student Rachel Felderhoff Jordan was named the Best Advocate of the U.S. Super Regional. She and Meagan Scott also won a Top 10 Best Memorial Award for their case brief.

The U.S. Super Regional hosted competitors from 22 law schools. St. Mary's team, coached by Marion Reilly (J.D. '11), included Bradley Byrd, Meagan Scott, Rachel Felderhoff Jordan, Nick Guinn and Deepak Ahluwalia. They advanced into the quarterfinal rounds.



## Henry B. Gonzalez Dinner Celebrates Hispanic Leaders

The St. Mary's University Hispanic Law Alumni Association (HLAA) and the Hispanic Law Students Association (HLSA) held the 20th Annual Henry B. Gonzalez Awards Dinner on April 12. HLAA recognized the Hon. Julián Castro, city of San Antonio mayor, with the Henry B. Gonzalez Award and the Hon. Edward C. Prado, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, with the Jurist of the Year Award. HLSA presented Richard Loza (J.D. '87), Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Inc., with the Sr. Grace Walle Mentor of the Year Award.

Proceeds from the dinner benefit the Henry B. Gonzalez Scholarship and the Ana L. Lopez Scholarship, which aid St. Mary's law students who have demonstrated a high level of service and commitment to the Hispanic community. HLAA also offers bar grants to recent St. Mary's law graduates.

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# KUDOS & CLASS NOTES

## Alum Honored by Austria

**M. Edwin Prudhomme (J.D. '59)**, an immigration and foreign trade attorney who recently retired as Honorary Consul for Austria for the state of Nevada, received the Decoration of Honour in Gold for Services Award conferred by Heinz Fischer, the president of the Republic of Austria. Prudhomme is the first Nevadan to receive the award, which is one of Austria's highest. It honors his commitment and outstanding service in representing the Austrian government.

'50

**Joseph A. Reyes, C.L.**, Potomac, Md., received the Lifetime Achievement in Business Award from U.S. Hispanic Youth Entrepreneur Education. Reyes is chairman emeritus of Reyes Holdings LLC, one of the largest beverage and food service products distributors in the country.

'56

**Charles L. Smith, LL.B.**, San Antonio, who is of counsel with Jackson Walker LLP, was the San Antonio Business Journal's 2012 Outstanding Lawyer Awards' lifetime achievement honoree.

'57

**The Hon. Carl J. Christensen, C.L.**, Las Vegas, a retired Nevada District Court judge, was named a Distinguished Nevadan by the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents.

'68

**The Hon. Martha B. Tanner, J.D.**, San Antonio, has retired after 20 years as judge of the Texas 166th District Court.

'69

**Ronald F. Ederer, J.D.**, San Antonio, was reappointed by Gov. Rick Perry to the Texas Racing Commission, which oversees pari-mutuel wagering on horse and greyhound racing.

**Richard E. Glaser, J.D.**, Bonham, was reelected Fannin County District Attorney.

'71

**Cyrus F. Richards III, J.D.**, Corpus Christi, was invested with the rank of Knight into the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, a Catholic chivalric order dedicated to supporting the Church in the Holy Land.

'72

**The Hon. David A. Ezra, J.D.**, San Antonio, has retired from the U.S. District Court for the District of Hawaii after 24 years on the court and is now serving as a senior judge hearing cases for the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas.

**The Hon. Charles A. Gonzalez, J.D.**, San Antonio, has retired from the United States Congress after representing the 20th District of Texas for 14 years. He and his father, the **Hon. Henry B. Gonzalez (LL.B. '43)**, represented the 20th District for a combined 52 years.

**The Hon. Lawrence E. Noll, J.D. '72**, San Antonio, was reelected judge of the Texas 408th District Court.

'73

**The Hon. David A. Berchermann Jr., J.D.**, San Antonio, has retired after 20 years as judge of the Texas 37th District Court.

**Joe Edd Boaz, J.D.**, Anson, was elected to a full term as district attorney of the Texas 259th Judicial District, which covers Jones and Shackelford counties.

**The Hon. Eric S. Clifford, J.D.**, Paris, was reelected judge of the Texas 6th District Court.

'74

**Richard C. Danysh, J.D.**, San Antonio, a partner in the San Antonio office of Bracewell & Giuliani LLP, was a San Antonio Business Journal 2012 Outstanding Lawyer Awards honoree in the field of litigation.

**The Hon. Mario E. Ramirez Jr., J.D.**, Edinburg, was reelected judge of the Texas 332nd District Court.

'75

**Rosemary Lehmberg, J.D.**, Austin, was reelected Travis County District Attorney.

**The Hon. John J. Specia Jr., J.D.**, San Antonio, a Texas Senior District Judge, has been appointed commissioner of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services by Gov. Rick Perry.

'76

**Claude E. Ducloux, J.D.**, Austin, a name partner with Hill Ducloux Carnes & de la Garza, received the 2013 Lola Wright Foundation Award from the Texas Bar Foundation.

'77

**The Hon. John Cornyn, J.D.**, Austin, has been elected Minority Whip of the United States Senate. He has represented Texas in the Senate since 2003.

**The Hon. Israel Ramon Jr., J.D.**, Edinburg, was reelected judge of the Texas 430th District Court and is currently serving as the St. Mary's Law Alumni Association president.

**Jon R. Ray, J.D.**, San Antonio, has joined Winstead PC as a shareholder in the firm's energy and environmental law practice group.

'78

**The Hon. Elma Teresa Salinas Ender, J.D.**, Laredo, has retired as judge of the Texas 341st District Court after 29 years. She became the first Hispanic female to serve as a district court judge in Texas when she was appointed to the newly created court in 1983 by then-Gov. Mark White.

**Rebecca A. Gregory, J.D.**, Dallas, who is of counsel with Curran Tomko LLP, has been appointed by Gov. Rick Perry to the Texas Juvenile Justice Board.

**Richard D. Hayes, J.D.**, Denton, a name partner in Hayes, Berry, White & Vazant LLP and a professional registered parliamentarian, was elected president of the Texas State Association of Parliamentarians.

**The Hon. Earl B. Stover III, J.D.**, Kountze, has been reelected judge of the Texas 88th District Court.

**John M. Vaught, J.D.**, Denver, a partner at Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell, is president-elect of the Denver Bar Association and will become president in 2014.

'79

**The Hon. Barbara Parker Hervey, J.D.**, Austin, was reelected to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

'80

**The Hon. Karen A. Angelini, J.D.**, San Antonio, was reelected to the Texas Fourth Court of Appeals.

**The Hon. Donald J. Cosby, J.D.**, Fort Worth, was reelected judge of the Texas 67th District Court.

**The Hon. Sandee Bryan Marion, J.D.**, San Antonio, was reelected to the Texas Fourth Court of Appeals.

**The Hon. Richard C. Terrell, J.D.**, Alice, was reelected judge of the Texas 79th District Court.

'81

**David M. Green, J.D.**, Dumas, was reelected district attorney of the Texas 69th Judicial District which covers Dallam, Hartley, Moore and Sherman counties.

**Dennis C. McCabe, J.D.**, Vestal, N.Y., has been appointed by New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo to serve on the Binghamton University Council.

**Keith B. O'Connell, J.D.**, San Antonio, a name partner with O'Connell & Avery LLP, received the Fred H. Sievert Award from DRI, a national civil defense attorneys professional association.

**The Hon. R. Graham Quisenberry III, J.D.**, Weatherford, was reelected judge of the Texas 415th District Court.

'82

**Charles S. Frigerio, J.D.**, San Antonio, has been named an adviser on the Fifth Circuit Pattern Jury Instruction Project regarding civil rights.



**The Hon. George W. Gallagher, J.D.**, Fort Worth, was reelected judge of the Texas 396th District Court.

**The Hon. James F. Shrewsbury, J.D.**, St. Louis, has been appointed by Missouri Gov. Jeremiah Nixon as chair of the St. Louis Regional Convention and Sports Complex Authority.

## '83

**Roger S. Cox, J.D.**, Amarillo, a shareholder with the Underwood Law Firm, who is listed in the 2012 edition of *Best Lawyers in America*, addressed students in the Oklahoma State University Spears School of Business as a participant in the OSU Spears School Distinguished Lecturer program.

**The Hon. Phylis J. Speedlin, J.D.**, San Antonio, a former justice of the Texas Fourth Court of Appeals, has joined Plunket & Gibson Inc. as a shareholder.

## '84

**Rebecca Fe de Montreuve-McMinn, J.D., LL.M.** '06, is secretary of the International Bar Association's Corporate Social Responsibility Committee and has contributed to the development of the current revisions of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development's Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises.

**The Hon. Mary Roman, J.D.**, San Antonio, was reelected judge of the Texas 175th District Court.

## '85

**Anne Marie Mitchell-Gorman, J.D., LL.M.** '08, Shanghai, is chief legal counsel/director of business management (Americas) for CIG Shanghai Co. Ltd.

## '86

**Teresa J. Clingman, J.D.**, Midland, was reelected district attorney of the 142nd Judicial District which covers Midland County.

**The Hon. Sam G. Griffith, J.D.**, Tyler, was reelected to the Texas Twelfth Court of Appeals.

**The Hon. John E. Neill, J.D.**, Cleburne, was reelected judge of the Texas 18th District Court.

## '87

**The Hon. Carol V. Bush, J.D.**, Waxahachie, who is Ellis County Judge, has been appointed by Gov. Rick Perry to the Texas Juvenile Justice Board.

**The Hon. N. Campbell Cox II, J.D.**, Nacogdoches, was reelected judge of the Texas 145th District Court.

**The Hon. Camile G. DuBose, J.D.**, Uvalde, was reelected judge of the Texas 38th District Court.

**Kathryn J. "Jody" Gilliam, J.D.**, Marlin, was reelected Falls County District Attorney.

**The Hon. Michael T. McCaul, J.D.**, Austin, was reelected to the United States House of Representatives from the 10th District of Texas and was named chairman of the House Committee on Homeland Security.

## '89

**The Hon. R. Blake Farenthold, J.D.**, Corpus Christi, was reelected to the United States House of Representatives from the 27th District of Texas.

**The Hon. Craig A. Gargotta, J.D.**, San Antonio, a judge of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Texas has moved from the court's Austin Division to its San Antonio Division.

## '90

**The Hon. Julie Harris Kocurek, J.D.**, Austin, was reelected judge of the Texas 390th District Court.

**Philip C. Mani, J.D.**, San Antonio, a name partner in Mani, Sloan & Little LLP, was a San Antonio Business Journal 2012 Outstanding Lawyer Awards honoree in the field of energy law.

**Joan M. Labay-Marquez, J.D.**, Boerne, a facilitator for the Boerne Independent School District's gifted and talented program, has received the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics Foundation's Educator Achievement Award, which honors exemplary efforts in exciting K-12 students about STEM-field subjects.

**Gloria A. Saldaña, J.D.**, San Antonio, was elected judge of the Texas 438th District Court.

**The Hon. Dibrell W. "Dib" Waldrip, J.D.**, New Braunfels, was reelected judge of the Texas 433rd District Court.

## '91

**The Hon. William C. Bosworth Jr., J.D.**, Cleburne, was reelected judge of the Texas 413th District Court.

**L. Gayle Nelson, J.D.**, Corpus Christi, is an attorney with the Bourlon Law Firm.

**The Hon. Karen H. Pozza, J.D.**, San Antonio, was reelected judge of the Texas 407th District Court.

**Noble D. Walker Jr., J.D.**, Greenville, was reelected district attorney of the 196th Judicial District, which covers Hunt County.

## '92

**The Hon. Marialyn Price Barnard, J.D.**, San Antonio, was reelected to the Texas Fourth Court of Appeals.

**Craig A. Harlow, J.D.**, Pearsall, has been appointed an immigration judge for the U.S. Department of Justice Executive Office for Immigration Review's Pearsall Immigration Court.

**The Hon. Carlos I. Uresti, B.A. '85, J.D. '92**, San Antonio, was reelected to the Texas Senate representing the 19th District.

## '93

**The Hon. Renée Forinash McElhaney, J.D.**, San Antonio, former judge of the Texas 73rd District Court, has joined Beirne Maynard & Parsons LLP as a partner.

## '94

**Roy B. Ferguson, J.D.**, Marfa, was elected judge of the Texas 394th District Court.

**Julia C. Mann, J.D.**, San Antonio, a partner with Jackson Walker LLP, has been selected as a fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation.

## '95

**Amy K. Contreras, J.D.**, San Antonio, executive director of accounting and finance in the San Antonio office of Ernst & Young LLP, completed the Leadership San Antonio program, which is sponsored by the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce and the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

**William R. Cox, J.D.**, El Paso, a division chief with the El Paso County Public Defender's Office, has earned board certification in juvenile law from the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

**The Hon. Walter T. "Four" Price IV, J.D.**, Amarillo, was reelected to the Texas House of Representatives from the 87th District.

**Laura G. Tamez, J.D.**, San Antonio, an attorney with the Herrera Law Firm, completed the Alexander Briseño Leadership Development Program, which is sponsored by the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

## '96

**L. David Anderson, J.D.**, Dallas, is a partner in the commercial litigation group of Wick Phillips.

**Amber Liddell Alwais, J.D.**, San Antonio, has been made a partner at McCurley Orsinger McCurley Nelson & Downing LLP.

**Stephanie M. Ledesma, J.D.**, Sugar Land, is coordinator of experiential learning programs and an assistant professor at Texas Southern University's Thurgood Marshall School of Law.

**Cristina Corbo Jennings, J.D.**, San Antonio, is a senior counsel with Schmoyer Reinhard LLP.

**The Hon. Ronald Rangel, B.A. '91, J.D.**, San Antonio, was reelected judge of the Texas 379th District Court.

## '97

**Jana L. Duty, J.D.**, Georgetown, was elected district attorney of the Texas 26th Judicial District, which covers Williamson County.

**The Hon. Glenn A. Hegar Jr., M.A./J.D.**, Katy, was reelected to the Texas Senate representing the 18th District.



## '98

**The Hon. Rolando Gutierrez, J.D.**, San Antonio, was reelected to the Texas House of Representatives from the 119th District.

**Shawn M. McCaskill, J.D.**, Dallas, a shareholder with Godwin Lewis PC, has earned board certification in civil appellate law from the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

**Rolando B. Pablos, B.A. '92, J.D.**, El Paso, is the chief executive officer of the Borderplex Alliance, an economic development organization serving the El Paso-Las Cruces-Ciudad Juárez region.

**The Hon. Laura Lee Parker, J.D.**, San Antonio, was reelected judge of the Texas 386th District Court.

**Rebecca Ramirez Palomo, J.D.**, Laredo, was elected judge of the Texas 341st District Court.

**Shoshana L. Thoma-Isgur, J.D.**, Fort Worth, is of counsel with K&L Gates LLP.

## '99

**John T. Hubert, J.D.**, Kingsville, was reelected district attorney for Kenedy and Kleberg counties.

## '00

**The Hon. Antonia "Toni" Arteaga, J.D.**, San Antonio, was reelected judge of the Texas 57th District Court.

## '01

**Z. Heather McMinn, J.D.**, Seguin, was reelected district attorney of the Texas 25th Judicial District, which covers Gonzales, Guadalupe and Lavaca counties.

**Hugh R. Jons Jr., J.D.**, Kerrville, co-founder of J3 Company LLC, has been appointed to the Upper Guadalupe River Authority Board of Directors by Gov. Rick Perry.

## '02

**Blakely Latham Fernandez, J.D.**, San Antonio, managing partner of Tuggey Fernandez LLP, received a 2012 San Antonio Business Journal Women's Leadership Award and was named to the executive committee of Texas Good Roads.

**Kristal C. Thomson, J.D.**, San Antonio, a name partner with Wilson, Pennypacker & Thomson LLP, has been appointed parliamentarian of the Special Olympics Texas Board of Directors.

## '03

**Terry Canales, J.D.**, Edinburg, has been elected to the Texas House of Representatives from the 40th District.

**Daniel Esparza, J.D.**, Austin, a senior adviser to Texas State Senator Eddie Lucio Jr., received a Texas Houser Award, which honors Texans committed to improving availability and access to shelter for low-income families, from the Texas Low Income Housing Information Service.

**The Hon. Naomi R. Gonzalez, J.D.**, El Paso, was reelected to the Texas House of Representatives from the 76th District.

**Samuel V. Houston III, J.D.**, San Antonio, is a partner in the new law firm Houston Dunn PLLC.

**David R. Rangel, J.D.**, San Antonio, is of counsel with Davidson Troilo Ream & Garza PC.

## '04

**Angelica M. Campos-Beach, LL.M.**, San Antonio, is an attorney with DLG Luce Salazar PLLC.

## '05

**David C. Courreges, J.D./M.P.A.**, Austin, is the founding shareholder of Courreges PC and a 2013 Austin Under 40 Awards legal professional honoree.

**Jeffrey S. Hamilton, J.D.**, Dallas, is a senior counsel in the wealth-planning group of Jackson Walker LLP.

**M. Brennan Ray, J.D.**, Phoenix, has been named a shareholder at Burch & Cracchiolo PA.

## '06

**George H. Chumillo, J.D.**, San Antonio, is general counsel for the Youth Empowerment Services program in Bexar County.

**F. Scott de la Garza, J.D.**, San Antonio, is a name partner with DLG Luce Salazar PLLC.

**Michael Y. Kim, J.D.**, Dallas, is a partner with Scott Viscuso PLLC.

**Zachry O. Luce, J.D.**, San Antonio, is a name partner with DLG Luce Salazar PLLC.

**Benjamin B. Holliday, J.D./M.A.**, San Antonio, an attorney with Mazurek, Alford & Holliday PC, is a 2012 San Antonio Business Journal "40 Under 40" honoree.

**Jeffery A. McCarn, J.D.**, Amarillo, an attorney with Brown & Fortunato, has been admitted to the Oklahoma Bar.

**Marc K. Whyte, J.D.**, San Antonio, is an associate with Beirne Maynard and Parsons LLP.

## '07

**Lori Ann Hall, J.D.**, Kerrville, is corporate counsel for the SALT Group.

**Kimberly P. Mabel, J.D.**, Dallas, an associate with Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP, was named to the 2013 Texas Rising Stars list by *Texas Super Lawyer* magazine.

**Bruce A. Moseley, J.D.**, Amarillo, was named Attorney of the Year by Legal Aid of Northwest Texas for the third year in a row and was named a "Top 20 Under 40" business professional by the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce.

**Brenna G. Nava, J.D.**, San Antonio, is a corporate counsel with Rackspace Inc.

**J. Barrett Shipp, J.D.**, San Antonio, an associate with Heinrichs & De Gennaro PC, was named a 2013 Rising Star by *Scene in S.A. Monthly*

## '08

**Tiffany S. Clausewitz, J.D.**, San Antonio, is an attorney with the Rosenblatt Law Firm PC.

**Brandy D. Marty, J.D.**, Austin, is chief of staff to Gov. Rick Perry. She has worked in the Governor's Office since 2007.

**Aldo Salazar, J.D.**, San Antonio, is a name partner with DLG Luce Salazar PLLC.

**Maurine Heinrichs Shipp, J.D.**, San Antonio, served on the planning committee for the University of the Incarnate Word's Annual ELEVATE Women's Conference and was also a speaker on the topic of practical planned giving.

**T. Charles Weisinger, J.D.**, San Antonio, is the founder of the Weisinger Law Firm PLLC.

## '09

**Catalina E. Cantu, J.D.**, Austin, is an attorney with Joel E. Bennett PC.

**Isaiah R. Jackson, J.D.**, San Antonio, has been named president of the San Antonio Black Lawyers Association.

**J. Austin Smithson, J.D.**, Washington, D.C., is legislative director for Congressman Louie Gohmert, who represents the First District of Texas.

## '10

**Alicia W. Calzada, J.D.**, San Antonio, an associate with Haynes and Boone LLP, has been honored by the National Press Photographers Association with the creation of the Alicia Calzada First Amendment Award, an annual award that recognizes individuals who have supported advocacy work in First Amendment freedoms. Calzada was a photojournalist for more than 20 years before becoming an attorney and is a former president of the association.

**Paul E. Casseb III, J.D.**, Houston, is an attorney with Steven S. Toepfich & Associates PLLC.

**Diana C. Davalos, J.D.**, San Antonio, is an attorney with the Weisinger Law Firm PLLC.

**John T. Hicks, J.D./M.A.**, San Antonio, has opened his own firm, the Law Office of John T. Hicks PLLC.

**Jeffrey K. Finley, J.D.**, San Antonio, and Allison Weber Broadnax married on Jan. 12, 2013.

**Alejandro E. Garcia, J.D.**, San Antonio, and his wife Megan Block Garcia have opened Garcia & Block PLLC, a law firm specializing in immigration and nationality law.

**S. Wroe Jackson, J.D.**, Austin, who is general counsel for the Office of the Secretary of State, has been appointed to the State Employee Charitable Campaign Policy Committee by Gov. Rick Perry.

## '11

**Leah J. O'Leary, J.D.**, Hutto, is an assistant attorney general with the Texas Attorney General's Office.

**Brett L. VanGheluwe, J.D.**, San Antonio, is a staff attorney for the Bexar County Civil District Courts.

## '12

**Lynette M. Boggs, J.D.**, Converse, has opened the law firm Lynette Boggs & Associates PLLC.

**Jose E. Galvan, J.D.**, San Antonio, is an attorney with the Poncio Law Offices.

**Ryan D. Humble, J.D.**, San Antonio, is an associate with the Flores Group.

**Lauren M. Kennedy, J.D.**, San Antonio, is an assistant criminal district attorney with the Bexar County District Attorney's Office.

**Joseph T. O'Neill, J.D.**, Plano, is an assistant county attorney for Hunt County.

**Sheila A. Via, J.D.**, San Antonio, is an attorney for the Southwest Research Institute.



# IN MEMORIAM

## 1950s

The Hon. Roy W. Stroud, LL.B. '50, Selma, died March 9, 2013.

## 1960s

Robert Norvell Graham Jr., LL.B. '62, San Antonio, died Feb. 22, 2013.

## 1970s

Richard Gabriele, J.D. '76, Dallas, died Jan. 26, 2013.

## 1980s

Randall C. Stegall, J.D. '80, Keller, died Feb. 27, 2013.

## 1990s

Ross H. Ehlinger, J.D. '92, Austin, died March 3, 2013.

Clinton T. Harmon, J.D. '93, San Angelo, died Feb. 21, 2013.

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## LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S CORNER

*by Israel Ramon Jr., LAA President*



As we conclude the spring semester and get ready for summer, I wanted to offer these thoughts to my fellow alumni and to our new graduates. The Law Alumni Association (LAA) is committed to hearing suggestions on how it can better serve you, as our priority continues to emphasize involvement with each other and our alma mater. We also encourage networking opportunities with our new graduates.

### ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY ALUMNI DIRECTORY

The latest publication to feature listings with photos submitted by alumni is in its final stages. If you have not responded, a brief telephone call to the Office of Alumni Relations at 210-431-4361 will ensure your listing is accurate and current.

### BAR EXAMS

Our graduates who took the February bar are anxiously awaiting the results, while others are preparing for finals, graduation and the summer bar exam. Best wishes to everyone taking the bar! We cannot wait to welcome you as attorneys and counselors at law.

### SUMMER INTERNS

Our law students are beginning their search for internships and clerkships. Please join the many law firms, the judiciary and those in government practice who hire our students, and who provide networking opportunities and a little income. Contact the Office of Career Services at 210-436-3511. Through the leadership of Assistant Dean Faye Bracey, Director Suzanne Patrick, and Recruitment and Programming Coordinator Alicia Mendoza, the office is adept at matching our current students and graduates with openings.

The LAA offers best wishes to the graduating Class of 2013 and all bar examinees. Thank you to the professors and staff at our law school for helping us complete another successful year.



## 2012-2013 Law Faculty

Do you see your favorite law professor? Who had the most impact on your career? Have a fun story to share? Let us know at [www.facebook.com/StMarysSchoolofLaw](http://www.facebook.com/StMarysSchoolofLaw)

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# CALENDAR

May 13	State Bar Induction Ceremony, Austin
May 17	Harlan Society Luncheon
May 18	School of Law Commencement
May 27-30	Representing Clients Doing Business with China CLE Program in Beijing
June 20	St. Mary's Alumni Reception at State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting
July 30 – Aug. 1	State of Texas Bar Exam

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